

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 19 and 27, add new claims 29-33, and cancel claims 3 and 20-25 without disclaimer of the underlying subject matter or prejudice against future prosecution in a divisional patent application.

Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-19 and 27-33 remain pending in the application.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, consisting of claims 1-2 and 4-19, 27 and 28. The election is without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 29-33 pertain to the elected invention.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-2, 4-19 and 27-33, and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283-0720 to discuss these matters. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

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